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TO: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
J.F.K. Federal Building  
Boston, MA 02203

SUBJECT: Shellfishing and Finfishing in the Acushnet River

Dear Jackie,

April 15, 1985

Per our meeting, March 26, 1985, I would like to confirm and clarify to a degree the fact that some fishing and shellfishing does take place in the upper estuary of the New Bedford Acushnet River.

In 1933/84 reports of shellfishing in the Coggshall Street area were received and with the assistance of the New Bedford Police Department and the State Natural Resource Department, to the best of my knowledge, these activities were stopped, but outbreaks of these type activities do occur from time to time.

There is some finfishing off the Coggshall Street bridge during Bluefish season in a non commercial capacity and bait fish are procured from this area. This fishing is seasonal and restricted to the summer months.

I hope this short overview clarifies the situation as it exists to the best of my knowledge. Please call 999-2931, extension 296 for more information if necessary.

Yours very truly,

  
Bradford K. Bourque  
Shellfish Warden